

Dear EPA,

Please be advised that the vessel Almi Galaxy under our management entered North America ECA on Jan 25th, 2015 at 10:30lt with 260.7MT of LSGO (Sulphur content 0.1%) and she was proceeding to SW Pass lightering area to perform STS operation.

Vessel arrived at SW Pass lightering area on Jan 26th, 2015 at 10:00lt with LSGO ROB 224.5MT.

On Feb 5th, 2015, we have stemmed 200mt of LSGO to be delivered at SW Pass lightering area on Feb 13th.

On Feb 12th, 2015 we have received order from charterers to start heating up the cargo on board and vessel received 200mt of LSGO on Feb 15th.

Due to excessive LSGO consumption for heating of cargo, approx. 30-35mt per day adding idle consumption of approx. 8mt per day, we have stemmed another 200mt of LSGO on Feb 17th, which same were received on Feb 20th.

On Feb 20th, we have stemmed another 200mt of LSGO to be delivered on Feb 24th at LOOP area as vessel would discharge balance cargo at LOOP Terminal.

However due to unforeseen circumstances which are out of our control including adverse weather conditions, STS operation was performed on Feb 24th at SW Pass lightering area and completed on Feb 25th. Vessel has discharge part cargo via STS operation. On the same date, vessel arrived at rendezvous bunkering position; however bunker barge was performing operation with another vessel at that time. As per verbal conversation with bunker suppliers they could supply the vessel on Feb 25th at abt 18:00lt.

However due to unforeseen circumstances which are out of our control including adverse weather conditions bunkering operation could not conduct.

According to our agents' latest info, vessel is to berth on Feb 26th at 05:00lt, therefore vessel has proceeded to LOOP terminal for balance discharge and requested from bunker suppliers to lift the LSGO upon completion of discharge operation at LOOP on Feb 27th at am.

Vessel's capacity of LSGO is 430m3 at 100% and as per our policy; vessel is allowed to lift max at 95% equivalent of 408m3.

Current LSGO on board is estimated abt 40mt and for discharge operation and to sail out of ECA, vessel requires approx. 90-100mt

Please find attached relevant correspondence.

Basis all above you are kindly requested to issue a waiver to burn vessel's current HSFO in North America ECA once current LSGO is burnt.

Best Regards,
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